

## ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY

Minutes of the Vocational Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Present. Brian Dobinson, Nan Miller, Les Stephenson, Tim Brett, Alan Mepstead

Apologies. Mike Talbot, Ian Wright. John Beckett. Neil Foster

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting held 12th September 2017 were approved.
2. **Innovation Competition.** BD reported that 8 schools had promised to take part with a further possible 5. Christchurch was very keen and looking for a final similar to last year. They might offer prizes in the form of educational trips and will try to find a commercial sponsor. BD has been to Queen Elizabeth's at Faversham and their entire sixth form will be taking part. BD has been enquiring as to how to make the competition paperless and this can be done quite easily in pdf format. Agreed that this was better than trying to restrict the number of entries. Interest from three of our pentangular partners in competing but possibly this will not happen. However it was agreed that we should amend the rules to accommodate any school we choose to nominate.
3. **2017/2018 Schools competitions.** Youth speaks has failed to spark any interest so far and at the moment looks unlikely to proceed. 9 schools have been invited to participate in the Children's Christmas writing competition and we will wait to see what interest is generated.
4. **ESU Schools public speaking competition.** The ESU is finding it difficult to get entries with only 5 confirmed so far. We are asked to "hustle" our members to see if they can help. Date not yet fixed.
5. **Kent Little Owls.** A speaker is coming to speak to the club re this conservation project. Wait until this to see if we want to help.
6. **Men in Sheds.** Probably not for us.
7. **Dover Museum.** 2 Trips organised by Ian Wright. Very successful and photos and write up on the web site.
8. **Future events.**
  - **Dover Transport Museum** IW April 2018
  - **Grand Hotel.** Behind the scenes LS May 2018
  - **St Augustine's Priory.** AM June 2018
  - NM July 2018.
  - **National Grid.** BD still following up.
9. **New Committee Members.** As previously minuted it was agreed that we very much need new committee members.
10. **Committee visit.** BD will try to arrange a committee visit to QE at Faversham to look at their model racing car project and to see if we can offer any help.
11. **Any other Business.** None.
12. **Date of next meeting.** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017. NO December meeting